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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SCOTT LAMSON, on behalf himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff.

V.

THE HERSHEY COMPANY, MARS, INC.,
MASTERFOODS USA, INC., NESTLE S.A.,
NESTLE U.S.A., INC. and CADBURY
SCHWEPPES PLC.

Defendants.

Case No. 08-cv-0153 MJJ

**STIPULATION RE EXTENSION OF
TIME FOR DEFENDANTS TO
RESPOND TO COMPLAINT;
[PROPOSED] ORDER EXTENDING
TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Scott Lamson (“Plaintiff”), by and through his counsel of record, hereby submits this Stipulation Re Extension of Time for Defendants to Respond to Complaint.

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Complaint in the above-captioned case on or about January 9, 2008;

WHEREAS Plaintiff alleges price fixing of chocolate;

WHEREAS forty complaints have been filed to date in federal district courts throughout the United States by plaintiffs purporting to bring class actions on behalf of direct and indirect purchasers alleging antitrust violations by manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of Chocolate (collectively, “the Chocolate Cases”);

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1 WHEREAS several motions are pending before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict
2 Litigation to transfer the Chocolate Cases for coordinated and consolidated pretrial proceedings
3 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1407, and Plaintiff and defendants The Hershey Company, Mars,
4 Incorporated, Masterfoods USA, Inc., and Nestle U.S.A., Inc. (collectively, "the Chocolate
5 Companies") anticipate that additional responses will be filed;

6 WHEREAS Plaintiff anticipates the possibility of Consolidated Amended Complaints in
7 the Chocolate Cases;

8 WHEREAS Plaintiff and the Chocolate Companies have agreed that an orderly schedule
9 for any response to the pleadings in the Chocolate Cases would be more efficient for the parties
10 and for the Court;

11 WHEREAS no prior extensions have been granted; and

12 THEREFORE, PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANTS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR
13 RESPECTIVE COUNSEL OF RECORD, HEREBY STIPULATE AS FOLLOWS:

14 1. The deadline for the Chocolate Companies to answer, move, or otherwise respond to
15 Plaintiff's Complaint shall be extended until the earliest of the following dates: (1) forty-five
16 days after the filing of a Consolidated Amended Complaint in the Chocolate Cases; or (2) forty-
17 five days after Plaintiff provides written notice to the Chocolate Companies that Plaintiff does
18 not intend to file a Consolidated Amended Complaint, provided however, that in the event that
19 the Chocolate Companies should agree or be ordered to respond prior to that date in any
20 Chocolate case, the Chocolate Companies will respond to the Complaint in the above-captioned
21 case on that earlier date.

22 2. The defense counsel identified below shall accept service of the complaint filed in this
23 case, including any amended or consolidated complaint, on behalf of the domestic entities that
24 they represent. Defendants shall not contest the sufficiency of process or service of process;
25 provided, however, that by entering into this Stipulation no Defendant waives any other defense,
26 including but not limited to the defense of lack of personal or subject matter jurisdiction,
27 improper venue, or service of an improper entity.

1 3. The Plaintiff will not seek discovery until the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation
2 rules on the pending motions to transfer and the transferee district enters a case management
3 order, provided, however, that in the event that the Chocolate Companies should agree or be
4 ordered to provide discovery in any Chocolate case before that date, the Chocolate Companies
5 will simultaneously provide the same discovery to the Plaintiff in the above-captioned action.

6 4. This extension is available, without further stipulation with counsel for Plaintiff, to all
7 named defendants.

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9 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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11 Based on the above Stipulation, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter the proposed order
12 attached hereto.

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14 Respectfully Submitted,

15 Dated: February 6, 2008

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19 **PROPOSED ORDER**

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21 Dated: _____

22 _____ Honorable Martin J. Jenkins

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